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Henry, IL 61537



Immaculate Conception
Church
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Lacon, IL 61540

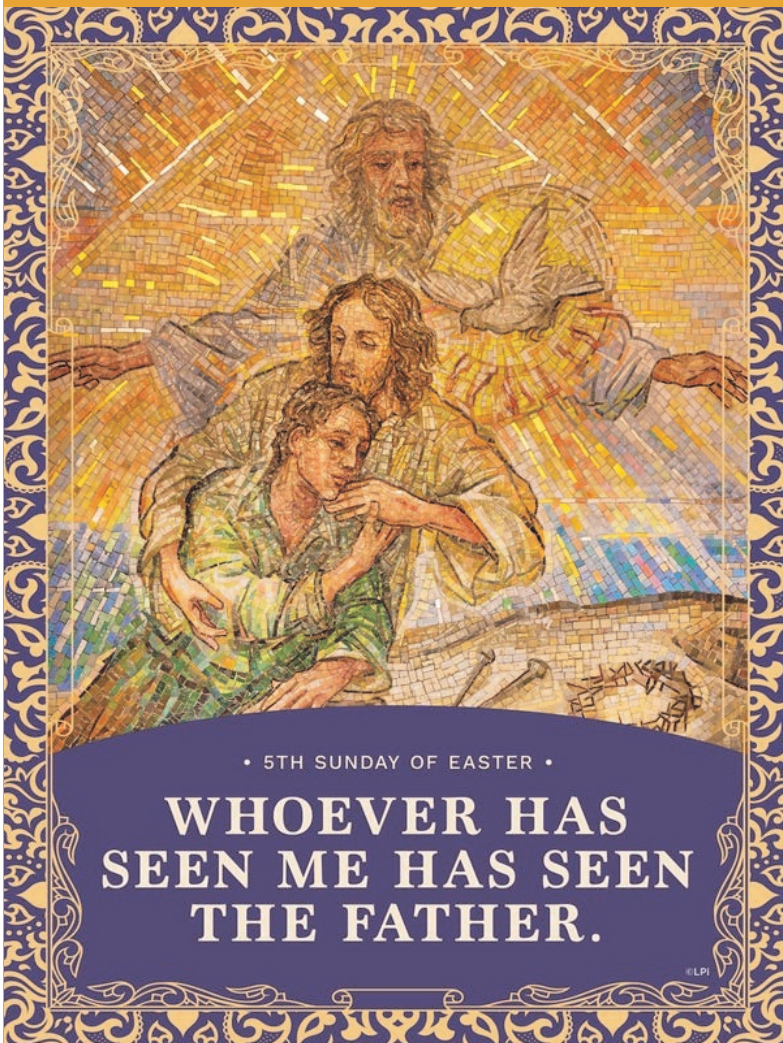
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Parish Office: Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm
415 N. High Street, Lacon, IL 61540
309-246-5145 **NEW Email:**
parishoffice@ihmcatholic.church
Secretary: Jill Franklin

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309-270-1052 **NEW Email:**
pastor@ihmcatholic.church
Parish website:
iccclacon.org

Parish Staff Directory:
Director of Religious Education: Christy Beall
309-238-3394 CCD (Sept-Apr) Sundays 9:15-10:15am
St. Mary Center Manager (Henry)
Dawn Glenn: 309-364-2011

The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026



Mass Intentions & Liturgy Schedule

SMC=St. Mary Church, Henry
ICC=Immaculate Conception Church, Lacon
(Pro Populo—Mass for the People of the Parish)

The Third Sunday of Easter May 2-3

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Barbara Lichter
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	Pro Populo
	10:30am	SMC	+Sister Anita Pauwels

Weekday Masses

Mon. May 4	8:00am	SMC	+Jean McCrosky
Tues. May 5			No Mass
Wed. May 6	5:30pm	ICC	+Joseph Augustyn Sloan
Thurs. May 7	7:30am	SMC	+Larry Schmitt
Fri. May 8	8:00am	ICC	+Silvio Capponi Family

NEXT WEEKEND : May 9-10

Saturday Vigil	4:30pm	SMC	+Joe Pairan
Sunday	8:00am	ICC	+Howie&Doreen Heilstedt
	10:30am	SMC	Pro Populo

NEED A SUNDAY EVENING MASS?

5:00pm at St. Thomas, 904 E. Lake Ave, Peoria Heights
5:30pm at Queen of the Holy Rosary, 529 4th St, LaSalle
7:30pm at St. Philomena, 1000 W. Albany, Peoria

Lay Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC Minister</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
4:30 p.m. – SMC – Saturday, May 9, 2026		
Betty Shearer	Father Pica	Declan&James
8:00 a.m. – ICC – Sunday, May 10, 2026		
Myra Uftring	Father Pica	Hattans
10:30 a.m. – SMC – Sunday, May 10, 2026		
Nick Mattern	Christy Beall	Mikey

Daily Mass:	6:30am at the Convent in Lacon (Monday-Friday)
	7:00am at the Convent in Lacon (Saturday)
	11:00am at the Lacon Nursing/Rehab (Sunday)

Sacraments

Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule the Baptism preparation. Both parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism.

Matrimony:

Please contact the Parish Office at least eight months in advance to schedule the wedding and begin the marriage preparation program.

Confessions:

Wednesdays: ICC Lacon 4:15pm-5:15pm
 Saturdays: SMC Henry 3:15pm-4:15pm
 Thursday before First Friday:
 SMC Henry 6:00pm-8:00pm
 First Friday: ICC Lacon 7:15am-7:45am

Other times by appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule. If admitted to the hospital, please be sure at check-in to register your faith and your parish. In case of medical emergency, please call Fr. Pica at any time and follow automated directions for emergency calls.

Christian Stewardship

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a family of families. And as a Parish Family we are asked to be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given each of us. Please share your faith and prayers, your time, your talents, and your treasures as we seek to faithfully live the Gospel; *to Go and Mike Disciples of All Nations.*

Are you New or Just Visiting? Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish! We are glad you are here with us. I hope to personally welcome you after Mass if you are able to say hi! May God reward you! ~ Father Pica

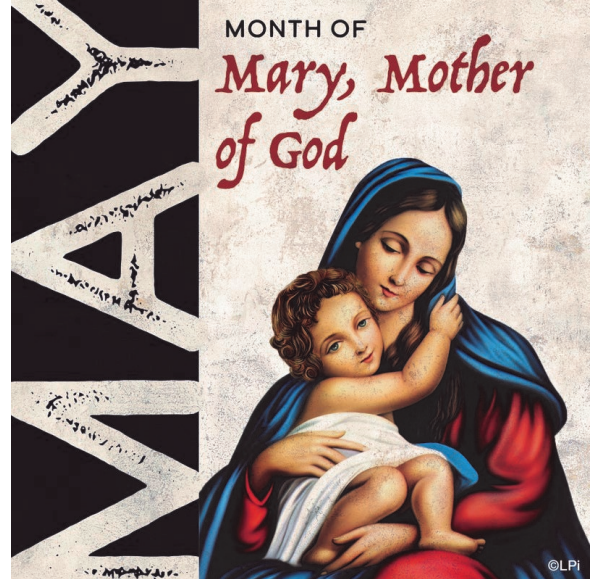
Bulletin Deadline: Submit items in writing or email by noon on Monday at the Parish Office in Lacon, IL.

Online bulletin: www.parishesonline.com

If hospitalized or homebound, please notify our Parish office 309-246-5145 or Fr. Pica 309-270-1052.

PRAYER LINE: If you have a need for special prayer, please contact the Office at 309-246-5145.

- May 4 Lacon Knights of Columbus IC Hall @7pm
- May 6 Mary’s Heart Women’s Group IC Hall @ 6pm
- May 9 St. Joseph Men’s Group SM Center @ 7am



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Feast Day
Saturday, June 13**

As we prepare to Celebrate our Parish Feast Day, I want to invite all Parishioners to consider Consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary. Consecration to Jesus through Mary has been spiritual practice in the Catholic Church for centuries, St. Louis Marie de Montfort first popularized the devotion through his book True Devotion to Mary, published in 1712.

Consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary is making a promise to offer oneself, to the best of one’s ability, in thoughts, words, and deeds to Jesus through the aid, example of, and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Resources: Use the Hallow App or use the Book: *33 Days to Morning Glory*, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Start Date: Monday, May 11

Consecration Day: Saturday, June 13 (at Mass)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Support			
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			

	April 12, 2026	YTD	YTD Budget
Collection	\$3972.	\$154,752.	\$186,334.30 (31,592.30)
Bldgs & Grounds (Blue envelope)	\$30.00	\$15,370	\$15,370
SM Resolution (Orange Envelope)	\$2250.	\$39,180.	\$56,250. (20,070.)

+JMJ+

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!)

Below St. John Paul II, connects the Lord's day to eternity by explaining to the readers eschatological symbolism of Sunday as simultaneously the first day of the week and the eighth day- a symbol of eternity. The first of the week, day of the sun, which was a pagan reference, quickly became Christianized referring to the Glory of Christ's Resurrection, the true *light of the world*. From *Dies Domini (1998)*- an Apostolic Letter to the Bishops, Clergy, and Faithful of the Catholic Church on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy- Pope St. John Paul II.

The eighth day: image of eternity

26. By contrast, the Sabbath's position as the seventh day of the week suggests for the Lord's Day a complementary symbolism, much loved by the Fathers. Sunday is not only the first day, it is also "the eighth day", set within the sevenfold succession of days in a unique and transcendent position which evokes not only the beginning of time but also its end in "the age to come". Saint Basil explains that Sunday symbolizes that truly singular day which will follow the present time, the day without end which will know neither evening nor morning, the imperishable age which will never grow old; Sunday is the ceaseless foretelling of life without end which renews the hope of Christians and encourages them on their way.(26) Looking towards the last day, which fulfils completely the eschatological symbolism of the Sabbath, Saint Augustine concludes the Confessions describing the Eschaton as "the peace of quietness, the peace of the Sabbath, a peace with no evening".(27) In celebrating Sunday, both the "first" and the "eighth" day, the Christian is led towards the goal of eternal life.(28)

The day of Christ-Light

27. This Christocentric vision sheds light upon another symbolism which Christian reflection and pastoral practice ascribed to the Lord's Day. Wise pastoral intuition suggested to the Church the christianization of the notion of Sunday as "the day of the sun", which was the Roman name for the day and which is retained in some modern languages.(29) This was in order to draw the faithful away from the seduction of cults which worshipped the sun, and to direct the celebration of the day to Christ, humanity's true "sun". Writing to the pagans, Saint Justin uses the language of the time to note that Christians gather together "on the day named after the sun",(30) but for believers the expression had already assumed a new meaning which was unmistakably rooted in the Gospel.(31) Christ is the light of the world (cf. Jn 9:5; also 1:4-5, 9), and, in the weekly reckoning of time, the day commemorating his Resurrection is the enduring reflection of the epiphany of his glory. The theme of Sunday as the day illuminated by the triumph of the Risen Christ is also found in the Liturgy of the Hours(32) and is given special emphasis in the Pannichida, the vigil which in the Eastern liturgies prepares for Sunday. From generation to generation as she gathers on this day, the Church makes her own the wonderment of Zechariah as he looked upon Christ, seeing in him the dawn which gives "light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Lk 1:78-79), and she echoes the joy of Simeon when he takes in his arms the divine Child who has come as the "light to enlighten the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32).

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Father Pica



“The most important person on earth is a mother... She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling place for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body.” ~ Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty



Prayer For Life: Dear Heavenly Father, I thank my Mom and Dad for my birth. I love life, I love living. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

IMH Parish Updates

- **Mary's Heart** will meet at IC hall on Wednesday, May 6 after 5:30pm Mass. We will be preparing for our Parish Feast day by learning more about Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Immaculate Heart of May Feast Day June 13, 2026.



St. Joseph Men's Group

**Saturday May 9
7:00-8:00am**

St. Mary Center



**Pray Like St. Joseph
A Day of Reflection
for All Fathers**

*Learning to trust God in the
silence*

Father Pica - Retreat Master

6 June, 2026 – 10:00 AM - 2:30 pm

Sacré-Coeur Retreat Center

8508 county rd 100 north , Magnolia, IL

Cost \$35.00

RSVP Here

Father's Day - Day of Reflection



What to Expect:

Join us for a peaceful and prayerful day inspired by St. Joseph, a man of deep faith, quiet obedience, and unwavering trust in God.

Contact Sister Clare Key, DSF (309) 218-3714
for more information

Year of St. Francis (of Assisi)

January 10, 2026 - January 10, 2027

In honor of the Year of St. Francis, announced by Pope Leo XIV, you may receive a Plenary Indulgence by:

- visiting any Franciscan Conventual church (meaning, a parish run by Franciscan Friars) or place of worship in any part of the world named after St. Francis or directly connected to him for any reason,
- spending some time in prayer,
- concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare, and all the saints of the Franciscan Family.

Usual conditions for a plenary indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and the prayer intentions of the Holy Father, with a heart detached from sin. It may also be applied as a gift of restitution for someone who has died.



**Franciscan Churches
in the Diocese of Peoria**

(alphabetical by city)

- St. John the Baptist (Lostant, IL)
- St. Patrick (Minonk, IL)
- OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Chapel (Peoria, IL)
- Sacred Heart (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Mary (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Pius X (Rock Island, IL)
- St. Ann (Toluca, IL)
- St. Mary (Wenona, IL)





OFFICIAL ROSTER OF EVENTS

TICKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE SOON

PEORIA

Tuesday, September 15

9-Day Novena Begins
Novena of Holy Hours
Cathedral of St. Mary | 7 PM

Tuesday, September 15 - Wednesday, September 23

9-Day Novena of Holy Hours, Cathedral of St. Mary | 7 PM

Sunday, September 20

Anniversary Mass of Sheen's Ordination
Cathedral of St. Mary | 3 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

ST. LOUIS

Wednesday, September 23

Vespers at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis | 5 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

Thursday, September 24

Expo at The Dome at America's Center | 8 AM - 6 PM
Adoration & Confession | 9 AM
Pre-Mass Show | 10 AM

Beatification Mass | 2 PM

The Dome at America's Center
Live stream and broadcast available
TICKET REQUIRED

Veneration of Relic | 4 - 6 PM

PEORIA

Friday, September 25

Masses of Thanksgiving | 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM
Parish Talks | 10:30 AM/ST. JUDE, 12:30 PM/ST. PHILOMENA,
2:30 PM/ST. THOMAS
Sheen Award Gala, Peoria Civic Center | 6 PM
TICKET REQUIRED

Saturday, September 26

Masses of Thanksgiving
Byzantine Rite Mass of Thanksgiving,
Cathedral of St. Mary

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make it a pilgrimage.

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and celebration as we mark
this historic moment in the life
of the Church.

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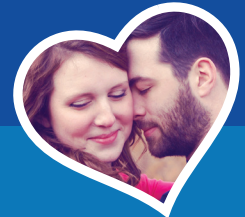


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